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The Honorable Anthony J. Portantino, Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 412
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Portantino:

**SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 2048 (SANTIAGO) AS AMENDED ON JUNE 9, 2022 –
SOLID WASTE: FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS: DATABASE**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is pleased to **support** Assembly Bill 2048 (AB 2048), as amended on June 9, 2022.

The proposed legislation as amended on June 9, 2022, would require a jurisdiction, as defined, or a public agency, as defined, to post on its internet website all current franchise agreements between contract solid waste and recycling haulers and the jurisdiction or the public agency, as applicable, (emphasis added). Additionally, the bill would require the jurisdiction or the public agency, as applicable, to provide the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) the direct electronic link to those posted franchise agreements. CalRecycle would be required to create and maintain a publicly accessible database that provides direct electronic links to the posted franchise agreements.

The Task Force is in support of AB 2048 as amended on June 9, 2022, since it would provide a system for all franchise agreements made between local agencies and solid waste/recycle haulers to be uploaded and made accessible to the public by CalRecycle. Currently, the public's only viable option to review these franchise agreements is to submit a Public Records Act request to the appropriate public entity that entered into the agreement. AB 2048 will improve transparency by giving the public streamlined access to these agreements. Furthermore, if enacted, the proposed legislation will provide cities and counties with an additional tool in their efforts to achieve State recycling goals.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with

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these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective and environmentally sound solid waste management system in Los Angeles County, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the system on a countywide basis. The Task Force membership includes representatives of the League of California Cities-Los Angeles County Division, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, City of Los Angeles, waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** AB 2048. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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